

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-5 and 11-13 have been allowed. It is also gratefully acknowledged that Claim 7 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rezaiifar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,377,809) in view of Wood et al. (U.S. Patent 6,092,230). The Examiner has rejected Claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rezaiifar et al. in view of Palenius (U.S. Patent 6,512,750).

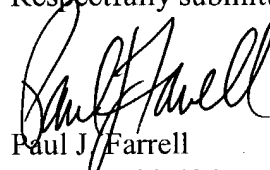
Regarding independent Claim 6, the Examiner stated that Claim 7 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 6 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 7. Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice. Based on at least the foregoing amendments, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Regarding independent Claim 8, the Examiner stated that the combination of Rezaiifar et al. in view of Palenius discloses all of the elements of the claim. Rezaiifar et al. discloses a channel structure for communication systems. Palenius discloses power setting in CDMA systems employing discontinuous transmission. It is respectfully submitted that Palenius merely discloses a "slow power control" and a "fast power control" as disclosed at col. 3, line 61 to col. 4, line 19. In contrast, the Claim 8 of the present application recites a method of controlling the power of forward channels wherein a fast power control is performed in a FCH (Fundamental Channel)/DCCH (Dedicated Control Channel), and the slow power control is performed on a SCH (Supplemental Channel). Performing both the fast and slow power control on the different channels solves the problems of the prior art disclosed in the present application at page 13, line 13 to page 14, line 6. Neither Palenius nor Rezaiifar et al. discloses the separate and independent power control corresponding to the characteristics of the channels as recited in Claims 8-10 of the present application.

Independent Claims 6 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 9 and 10, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence independent Claim 8. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 9 and 10 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-6 and 8-13, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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